

Emerald Ash Borer Found in Cudahy

On June 30, 2010 the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of an Emerald Ash Bore Beetle on a tree within the City of Cudahy. The City will be working with the Department of Agriculture to determine the extent of the outbreak. Prior to this confirmation the City has been working with a firm to develop a strategic plan to manage the onset of the Emerald Ash Bore beetle here in Cudahy. The plan would provide City staff with information and direction on which trees are healthy enough to save, which trees should be removed and when, and the species to be replanted. Completion of that plan is anticipated for December of this year. Until a plan can be put into place, the City will work with the Department of Agriculture on mitigating the immediate problem area.

Since the beetle can spread through fire wood, the City is under quarantine. This quarantine means that all fire wood and tree cutting/chipping material generated in the City of Cudahy should not leave the City of Cudahy unless it is being hauled and disposed of at a quarantined facility. Firewood should not be transported anywhere outside Cudahy. So please do not pack up firewood of any kind and take it with you on your next camping trip or on the family vacation.

In addition, the City usually has firewood available for pick-up by the residents. We will discontinue this practice until further notice. The City will still accept wood and brush at the City's Transfer Station. Please refer to the website or the newsletter for the Transfer Station hours.

Information regarding the Emerald Ash Bore can be found at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov. Questions regarding this specific confirmation in the City of Cudahy can be directed to langemj@ci.cudahy.wi.us.

FIRE HYDRANT TESTING

The City of Cudahy Water Utility wishes to notify all of our water customers that the Cudahy Fire Department will be testing the city's fire hydrants during the month of July beginning on the 6th.

What does this mean to the individual customer? It means that when the hydrants are being tested in your area, you may temporarily experience dirty or rust colored water immediately following the test. If you do notice this, then allow your faucet to run a few minutes until the water is clear. In older sections of town, the testing will be more obvious.

The City of Cudahy Water Utility and Fire Department firmly believe it is very important to regularly conduct the fire hydrant testing program to assure our citizens' safety. We sincerely hope that this message will be shared with all of our customers and hope that any problems associated with "dirty" water will be minor. We wish to thank each resident for their cooperation and understanding in our hydrant testing program.

If you have any questions regarding the hydrant testing program, please call Supt. Miller at 769-2234.

Cudahy Fire Department Welcomes Its Newest Fire Fighter

City of Cudahy Director of Office Services Carolyn Toms-Neary swears in Nicholas Haase as Cudahy's newest fire fighter while Fire Chief Dan Mayer looks on, during a ceremony on Friday, June 18, 2010.



Health Officer Honored for Years of Commitment to the Community

On June 16, 2010 Carol Wantuch, Public Health Officer for the City of Cudahy, was awarded the 2010 Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) Lifetime Distinguished Service to Public Health Award at the Cudahy Family Library. Cudahy Mayor Tony Day and Milwaukee County Supervisor Pat Jursik also gave Wantuch plaques in honor of her achievement.

Wantuch, RN, BSN, MSHA, has served as Cudahy's Health Officer since 1988 and Emergency Management Coordinator since 1999.

